

Economic Pursuit (Artha) - The Second Superstructure of Precious Human Life

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PRAYERS

धीयो यो नः प्रचोदयात्

May That Supreme Being impel our intellect
towards the right path.

असतो मा सद्गमय ।
तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय ।
मृत्योर्मा अमृतं गमय ॥

Lead us from unreal unto Real,
Lead us from darkness unto Light,
Lead us from death unto Immortality.

आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः

Let noble thoughts come to us from all sides.

सा विद्या या विमुक्तये

Knowledge is that which liberates.

उत्तिष्ठत जाग्रत प्राप्य वरान्निबोधत ।

Arise ! Awake ! Having reached the
great (teacher), learn (realise that Atman).

अज्ञानतिमिरान्धस्य ज्ञानाज्जनशलाक्या ।
चक्षुरुन्मीलितं येन तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः ॥

I prostrate to that Sadguru, Who opens, with the
Collyrium-stick of Knowledge, the eyes of him who
is rendered blind by the darkness of ignorance.

ॐ सह नाववतु । सह नौ भुनक्तु ।
सह वीर्यं करवावहै । तेजस्विनावधीतमस्तु मा विद्विषावहै ॥
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ।

May He (The Supreme Being) protect us both (the teacher
and the taught). May He cause us both to enjoy the bliss of
Mukti (liberation). May we both exert to find out the true
meaning of the scriptures. May our studies be fruitful.

May we never quarrel with each other.

वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्

The whole universe is one family.

ॐ सर्वेषां स्वस्ति भवतु । सर्वेषां शान्तिर्भवतु ।
सर्वेषां पुर्णं भवतु । सर्वेषां मङ्गलं भवतु ॥

May auspiciousness be unto all,
May peace be unto all,
May fullness be unto all,
May prosperity be unto all.

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा कश्चिद्दुःखभागभवेत् ॥

May all be happy,
May all be free from disabilities,
May all behold what is auspiciousness,
May none suffer from sorrows.

लोका समस्ता सुखिनो भवन्तु ।

May Happiness be unto all Beings.

ॐ पूर्णमदः पूर्णमिदं पूर्णात्पूर्णमुदच्यते ।
पूर्णस्य पूर्णमादाय पुर्णमेवावशिष्यते ॥

Om ! That (Brahman) is full. This (Universe) is Full.
From That (Brahman) Full, this (Universe) Full has come.
When this (Universe) full is taken from That (Brahman) full,
It (Brahman) always remains Full.

Peace be to the East ! Peace be to the West !
Peace be to the North ! Peace be to the South !
Peace be above ! Peace be below !
Peace be to all creatures of this universe !!

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ।

Om ! Peace, Peace, Peace.

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Lesson No. - 10

Economic Pursuit

Material Prosperity or *Artha* or Economic Value — Second Grand Goal of Ideal Human Life

The tenth lesson is "***Artha* or Material Prosperity or Economic Value**", which is the second grand goal of ideal human life.

Meaning:- The second grand goal of ideal human life, as stated in our ancient Spiritual Scriptures and as said by our *Rishis*, *Munis*, Saints and Sages, and according to our great, glorious, lofty, unique and ideal ancient Indian Culture or *Bharatiya Sanskruti*; is ***Artha* or Material Prosperity**. It is "Economic Value".

Artha means earning of money and acquiring of material wealth or worldly prosperity for the purpose of (i) meeting the day-to-day basic and other secular necessities of the earthly life of human beings and their family members such as food, clothing, house, medicines, education of children, their marriages, engagement in some occupation/business/vocation/profession, etc. in order to ensure their physical existence and to live a reasonably comfortable and happy life upon the earth plane, (ii) fulfilling their legitimate vital worldly desires, (iii) meeting their social and national needs, duties, responsibilities and obligations, (iv) carrying out their *dharma* (religious) and *aadhyatmik* (spiritual) pursuits in life, etc.

Necessity, importance and benefits:- The necessity, importance and benefits as well as the ways and means of acquiring *Artha* or Material Prosperity is known to all human beings. However, the following two most relevant and most important points are to be noted in this regard.

(i) The first most relevant and most important point, as stated in our ancient Spiritual Scriptures and as said by our *Rishis*, *Munis*, Saints and Sages, is that *Artha* i.e. earning of money and acquiring

of material wealth or worldly prosperity, need to be acquired by human beings in the ethical ways or righteous ways or in accordance with the ethical code of conduct or according to the rules of *Dharma*, i.e. by honest, just and fair means and without causing harm or loss to other beings. Because, according to the universal and immutable Law of *Karmas* or Actions, i.e. "as you show, so shall you reap", if *Artha* is acquired through unethical actions or wrong actions, it will give them sorrows, sufferings, pains and miseries; and if *Artha* is acquired through ethical actions or right actions, it will give them true prosperity, real happiness and peace.

(ii) The second most relevant and most important point is that human beings, as exhorted by our *Rishis*, *Munis*, Saints and Sages, should treat *Artha* as the secondary goal of human life and therefore, they should devote that much of time and earn that much of *Artha* or money and acquire that much of material wealth or worldly prosperity as are reasonably necessary for meeting their secular needs, i.e. day-to-day personal, family, social, national needs; for fulfilling their legitimate vital worldly desires; for meeting their religious and spiritual needs; for making some savings for meeting their secular needs and fulfilling their vital worldly desires in rainy days; and for living a truly prosperous, reasonably comfortable, happy and peaceful earthly life. Thereby, they will be able to utilise the rest available time for pursuing spirituality with a view to achieve *Moksha* or Liberation of the individual Soul from the cycle of births and deaths or Merger/Union of the individual Soul with the Supreme Soul, known as Self-realisation or God-realisation, which is the supreme grand goal of ideal human life, as stated in our ancient Spiritual Scriptures and as said by our *Rishis*, *Munis*, Saints and Sages, and according to our great, glorious, lofty, unique and ideal ancient Indian Culture or *Bharatiya Sanskruti*. Because, this supreme goal is said to be the primary and most worthy goal of human life and for achievement of this goal only, God has given this most precious human birth to human beings. By achieving this most worthy and supreme goal,

human beings can derive lasting happiness and eternal peace, with permanent cessation of worldly sorrows and sufferings in their earthly life. Also, they can be said to have lived their precious human life upon the earth plane wisely, ideally, successfully, completely, purposefully, prosperously, happily and peacefully.

Artha or earning of money and acquiring of material wealth or worldly prosperity is inevitable in human life.

Source of detailed knowledge: - For acquiring detailed knowledge on this topic, students can study (i) "Spiritual Literature", i.e. standard works like *Vedas*, *Upanishads*, *Bhagavad Gita*, *Patanjali Yoga Sutras*, *Manu Smriti*, *Mahabharata*, *Ramayana*, *Granth Sahib*, *Koran*, *Bible*, *Zend-Avesta* and other Holy Scriptures of various religions and (ii) Books written by great, spiritually illumined, God-realised *Rishis*, *Munis*, Saints, Sages and Prophets.

Questions

1. What is the meaning of *Artha* or Material Prosperity ?
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Be good. Do good. — Swami Sivananda

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